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Celebrate 100 Years of Stars with Bryce Canyon National Park

Bryce, UT - Bryce Canyon National Park invites you to join them for the 16th annual Astronomy Festival June 1-4, 2016. "Through the ages, the night sky has drawn our gaze upwards connecting us to our heritage. Bryce Canyon is a perfect place to experience such clarity and wonder with its renowned dark skies," said park superintendent Lisa E. Eckert.



This year's Centennial festival features familiar favorites such as nightly telescope viewing as well as new presentations. Friday's keynote speaker is Seth Jarvis, Director of the Clark Planetarium in Salt Lake City, Utah. Seth is head of one of Utah's premier science attractions and we are pleased to have him at the festival. Seth has been in love with planetariums longer than he's been able to spell the word. He will present "The National Park System: Celebrating the Centennial, planning for the Bi-Centennial" on Friday, June 3rd, at 9:00 p.m. at Ebenezer's Barn and Grill in Bryce Canyon City. Admission is \$3.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. You may pay at the door or purchase advance tickets at the Ebenezer's Barn & Grill Desk in Ruby's Best Western Lobby.

The event's partners include the Salt Lake Astronomical Society, the Bryce Canyon Natural History Association, Bryce Canyon City and the Cache County Astronomical Society. These partners, along with Bryce Canyon National Park's "Dark Rangers" will present a variety of programs and events as well as interpret the night sky following each evening program.

The Visitor Center will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. and the shuttle service will operate from 8:00 a.m. until 12:30 a.m. each day of the festival. For more detailed information on daily activities and how to obtain tickets, please consult the Bryce Canyon Astronomy Festival website:

<http://www.nps.gov/brca/planyourvisit/astrofest.htm>,

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